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Town agrees to pay MVSH requisition

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

Town council agreed during its May 27 meeting to pay its 2014 Mountain View Seniors' Housing (MVSH) requisition.

The \$76,000 bill effectively doubled from 2013 due to MVSH asking for the full cost from municipalities to subsidize lower-income seniors. The roughly \$35,000 the Town of Didsbury had been paying since 2006 hadn't covered the full cost of subsidization for many years, causing MVSH to run deficits for the last several years.

The town and MVSH have been at odds since October 2013, when MVSH sent the town a letter requesting the 2014 requisition amount.

The town sent a letter to Sam Smalldon, chief administrative officer of MVSH on Oct. 30, 2013 arguing that the requested amount was asked for too early, as MVSH's audited financial statements for 2013 weren't then available.

As a result, Didsbury CAO Roy Brown argued that MVSH couldn't ask for a requisition amount from municipalities because MVSH hadn't had an audit conducted yet on its 2013 financial statements.

"Council does not question the need for all municipalities to take care of the seniors within their communities but at the same time, it is the feeling of council that it should not be up to the municipality to 'upfront' payment to Mountain View Seniors' Housing when the Town of Didsbury does not collect the requisition payments from taxpayers until June 30 of each calendar year," Brown wrote in the letter.

The town has 90 days from the date of receipt of a requisition notice from MVSH to pay the requested amount.

In the request for decision to council on May 27,

Brown said town administrators were still awaiting a response from Smalldon in regard to the town's Oct. 30, 2013 letter, as well as a followup letter Brown sent on Jan. 7.

As a result, town councillors passed two motions on May 27: to pay the requisitioned amount immediately once administration received "a requisition notice as per the housing act," and "that council directs our board member (Coun. Kimberley Moore) that the Town of Didsbury will not be paying any interest (on the amount requisitioned in January)."

However, when contacted by the Review, Smalldon said sending out the requisition notices early has been MVSH's practice for the past decade to allow for municipalities to budget for that amount for the following year.

"That follows our board policy and it is our policy over the last decade ... to give (municipalities) our expected requisitions in the fall. When we send them the notice in the fall, we send everything to them ahead of time, but it's not to be effective until January 1," Smalldon said.

During the council meeting, Coun. Lavar Adams said the Town of Didsbury has historically been a good customer of MVSH and has always paid its bill on time. This year, it didn't pay the requisition within the 90 days because it was awaiting answers to questions posed by Brown in the letters, to which MVSH hadn't responded.

Moore said at the last MVSH board meeting, chair Bruce Beattie indicated that Didsbury was the lone municipal partner not to pay its 2014 requisition yet.

"I think it's prudent to pay and pull our fair weight," Adams said.

"I think we should pay it," agreed Coun. Garth Hollinger, "but we need an answer to these letters."



Noel West/MVP Staff

JAZZED UP • Niko Tsiras, a graduate of Didsbury High School in 2012, was part of a fundraising concert on May 30 for the Knox United Church and the DHS band program. In addition to Tsiras, who recently completed a diploma in jazz studies at Mount Royal University and plans to go on to Capilano College, the evening featured music from the Airdrie group Pure Country. Tsiras played both the alto and baritone saxophone at the concert last week.

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Didsbury firefighters compete at challenge

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

Eight members of the fire department attended the Southern Prairie Firefit Combat Challenge in Medicine Hat, including father and son members Lorne and Matt Code.

The competition consisted of individual members doing a six-task obstacle course-type series of timed events, a pairs competition and a four-member team competition. The races are run in full firefighter gear and involve tasks such as pulling a hose up a platform equivalent to six storeys in the air, descending those six storeys and racing toward a cinder block and moving it with a mallet about one metre and carrying an 83-kilogram dummy for a distance.

Prior to the competition, Craig Martin, one of the participants in the challenge, said members were hoping to qualify for the national competition, as happened in 2013.

"This year we'd like to do the same. We'd like to have times (that qualify). This year, myself and another member, we're shooting for under two minutes, which is a very challenging task to accomplish," he said.

Martin said all of the tasks have practical application when members actually go out to a fire.

"It sure does (act as good training for real fires). We train for about four months before going to these tournaments," he said.

Martin said it's a boost of confidence for members of smaller, volunteer departments to go head to head against members of professional firefighting teams from larger municipalities and hold their own.

"It's just really neat to see smaller departments placing amongst some of the career departments like Edmonton and Calgary and running alongside those guys. It just shows how dedicated our volunteers are," he said.

Charges laid against Plains Midstream

BY PATRICIA RILEY
MVP Staff

Environmental charges have been laid against Plains Midstream Canada ULC, two years after 2,900 barrels of sour crude oil was released into the Red Deer River near Sundre.

The incident occurred on June 7, 2012, and the oil was released from the company's Rangeland pipeline, according to an Alberta Energy Regulator press release.

The release was made

public on Friday and states that the charges include a federal charge under the Fisheries Act as well as a provincial charge for failing to report a release of crude oil from a pipeline as required under Alberta law.

"The provincial environmental charge stems from an Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD) investigation that found the company failed to report the

release as required within Alberta's Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (EPEA)," reads the release.

"On March 29, 2014, the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) assumed jurisdiction for the matter under the Responsible Energy Development Act and the investigation was turned over to Alberta's new single regulator of energy development in Alberta."

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ATB concludes annual charitable campaign



Staff at the ATB branch in Didsbury held a fundraising barbecue on May 30, wrapping up the company's annual Teddy-for-a-twoonie campaign, benefitting the Alberta Children's Hospital and the Stollery Children's Hospital.

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

ATB branches across the province concluded their annual Teddy-for-a-twoonie campaign on May 30 in support of the Alberta Children's Hospital and the Stollery Children's Hospital.

The corporation annually raises money for the two hospitals through each local branch organizing various fundraisers in the community.

At the end of the month, all the money raised by southern Alberta branches goes to the Alberta Children's Hospital while money raised in communities in northern Alberta goes to the Stollery Children's Hospital. Last year \$800,000 was raised for the two hospitals, including \$6,400

from Didsbury.

The Didsbury branch held a silent auction of items donated locally, organized a bottle drive and invited people to stop by the branch on May 30 for a hotdog lunch in support of the campaign.

"We had wonderful support from the community. We're very happy to support this," said Kathleen Adams, a personal banking specialist at the branch.

Adams said the campaign supports a cause that the company wholeheartedly believes in. The money is remitted to the hospitals, where administrators decide where it is best spent.

"That's how it should be. We raise money as a corporation but they know best what the funds should be used for," Adams said.



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COUNTRY CRITTERS MULTI 4-H CLUB



The club had a busy and fun year. Our club consists of Canine Equine & Outdoor Adventures. Canine have been working with the dogs teaching them commands and getting them ready to be off lease and doing different rally patterns. Equine just attended the Mane Advent in Red Deer and worked & competed at the 4-H District Show Out Door Adventures have done camping, geo caching, snow-shoeing, biking, & hiking.

The club members attended 4-H Multi Judging where we had some members take awards.

Public Speaking was formative this year. For our community service we help serve dinner at the Rugby Hall & Aspen Lodge Xmas Party, wrapped gifts for the Christmas Hampers, plus helped scare people at the haunted barn.

Fun activities we participated in was 4-H Curling Fun Day in Airdrie, 4-H Fun Camp at Pioneer Lodge, Camped at Afford Lake where we learned to build shelters, fire, and other activities.

The year is wrapping up and the club would like to thank the leaders and parents.

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BIG DONATION – TransCanada recently donated \$10,000 toward the Rosebud Health Foundation's heliport campaign. Making the donation were Shari Geisel and Jamey Eslinger (far right) of TransCanada. Receiving the donation were Albert Ohlhauser, chair of the foundation and Clem Kuelker, chair of the foundation's heliport committee. With the TransCanada donation Rosebud is now up to \$375,000 for the heliport, 75 per cent of its objective.

Council approves group's plan to plant stand of trees

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

Town council approved a plan by a group of local women to plant a stand of trees in memory of friends in Memorial Park.

The group of nine women sent a proposal earlier this year to town staff to plant the trees, indicating that they chose Memorial Park as a good location because the group has ties to slo-pitch and running. The group proposed to plant trees that would thrive in the area's climate such as Schubert choke-cherry, blue spruce and tower poplar.

While Coun. Joyce McCoy said she liked the idea, she thought that council and town staff should put parameters in place so that if similar groups came to council in the future for similar projects, the town could have a certain amount of control over what happens with those projects.

"I think the tree planting is awesome. I don't want this to come back and bite us when (other

groups) come forward," she told fellow councillors.

Coun. Lavar Adams said while the town could put parameters around such projects, the idea shouldn't be to greatly limit what groups can do, especially in Memorial Park.

In an interview following the meeting, Rhonda Hunter, one of the members of the group, said the idea started by members of the group wanting to honour friends who passed on at a young age.

"We played a lot of ball (as the Dirty Mothers slo-pitch team). We run down there, we walk down there, we certainly enjoy the park itself and we wanted to put a couple of memorial trees up for players who have left us at young ages," she said.

Hunter hopes the group, with the support of town staff, can get to work on the plan in the next few weeks. The group submitted a design plan to the town along with its proposal.

In speaking about the

group's plan to council, Greg Skotheim, the town's manager of public works said the stand of trees would provide a wind and noise barrier from Highway 582 for the south ball diamond as well as provide shade on hot days.

Skotheim also noted the plan could spur on other citizens to come forward with proposals to improve other park areas in town.

"We're going to put in a couple of benches hopefully (in the future) so we'll have a nice place for people to either watch the ball games or take in the scenery," Hunter said.

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The Committee is also accepting written submissions; deadline for receipt is **Friday, August 15, 2014**.

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Cochrane man charged with traffic offences

A 26-year-old Cochrane man was charged by Didsbury RCMP with three counts of violating the Traffic Safety Act after the quad he was driving injured a 26-year-old Cochrane woman who was a passenger on the vehicle.

The incident happened on the evening of May 25. Didsbury RCMP and emergency medical services were called to Twp. Rd. 304 at 7:30 p.m.

after a report that a male riding a quad struck a power pole. The woman was flown by STARS to Foothills Medical Centre for treatment of a head injury. She also had an injury to one arm.

The man was arrested for impaired driving but when he was transported to the detachment, he registered blood-alcohol readings under the legal limit.

Rash of vehicle thefts

Didsbury RCMP received several reports

Police briefs

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

over the last week of vehicle thefts in the detachment area. Between the evening hours of May 23 and the morning hours of May 26, a white 2006 Ford F-350 pickup truck was stolen from a parking lot near 20 Street and 22 Avenue in Didsbury. RCMP say the truck was locked and the keys were not inside at the time of the theft.

In another incident, a

black Ford F-350 pickup truck was stolen from 5 Street and Railway Avenue in Cremona sometime between the evening hours of May 26 and the morning hours of May 27. The truck was an "outlaw edition" and had after-market chrome rims on it.

In a separate incident, a black 2009 Chevy Silverado was stolen sometime between the

evening hours of May 26 and the early morning hours of May 27 from just outside Carstairs. The truck had Far West Trucking decals on it.

Licence plate stolen

On May 27, a Didsbury resident reported that upon inspection, their vehicle had a licence plate on it that wasn't registered to that vehicle.

The licence plate on the complainant's vehicle was registered to a vehicle in

Calgary. Police suspect that someone stole the licence plate from the vehicle in Calgary and then put it on the vehicle in Didsbury after taking the proper plate off the Didsbury vehicle. Police say vehicle owners can protect themselves by going to an after-market supply shop and buying specialized screws and a screwdriver to deter licence plate thefts.

Strategic plan to go out to residents

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

Town council approved the design of the 2014-17 strategic plan at the council meeting of May 27 and supported sending it for printing and distribution to residents.

The plan outlines the strategic direction council wants to take the town for the next four years.

The plan should be arriving in people's mailboxes over the next couple of weeks.

Officials' expenses to become more transparent

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

Expenses incurred by town councillors and the chief administrative officer's office will become more transparent as a result of motions passed recently by town council.

Coun. Joyce McCoy proposed the motions at the May 27 council meeting as a way for the public to get a better idea of where and how councillors and the CAO spend money.

McCoy said she thought an itemized list of expenses that councillors incur, that is normally submitted to town staff for purposes of reimbursement, should be published on the town's website on a monthly basis, and that the CAO should do the same.

When the mayor, councillors and the CAO pay for expenses out of their personal funds while on town business, those expenses are then reimbursed to those people out of the council and CAO budget.

McCoy said while councillors and staff work hard on behalf of Didsbury residents, taxpayers deserve to know what public officials spend money on when in service to the municipality.

"It's all in the name of transparency. We all work very hard," she said.

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HOLD ON - Ashley Wonnacott, left, and Mackenzie Homby play at a park next to the Carstairs Memorial Complex on May 30.

Town council agrees to support arts festival

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

The Mountain View Arts Society will be receiving \$500 from the Town of Didsbury to go towards producing the annual festival.

Society member Kathleen Windsor came to a council meeting on May 27 asking the town for a \$1,500 donation. While council was generally supportive of the group and its objectives, many felt giving the society the full amount it asked for would be too generous and not leave the town enough leeway to support other worthy groups when they ask for assistance from the town.

Coun. Garth Hollinger said he thought the organization adds a lot to the community and was fully

supportive of its objectives. He suggested, however, that the town reduce the support to \$500.

Coun. Lavar Adams agreed, saying that the town could make up for the reduced amount in the form of in-kind support.

Windsor told councillors that while the members of the society are passionate about the arts, it has been a struggle financially to continue putting the best possible festival together. The society formed in 2011 and received funding that year from Alberta Arts Days. But until last year when it received a one-time grant of \$7,800 from Heritage Canada, it has had to rely on the generosity of various sponsors to fund its mandate.

"It's really important that we keep our expectations low and (value) high," Windsor said.

Last year, more than 2,500 people attended the festival, including over 300 at the quilt exhibit at the Eldon Foote Hall. Due to the success of having the harvest festival and the arts festival on the same weekend last year, the plan is to repeat that again on Sept. 13 and 14. Windsor said as long as groups have an arts theme to them, the Mountain View Arts Society will gladly partner with them and

add activities to the festival.

"As long as there's an arts component, we're happy to have them join us," she said.

In an interview, Windsor said although the quilting exhibit won't be the same as last year, it will be expanding this year.

"We are so pleased that council came up with some cash for us. That's huge. And the fact that they added on anything that we might need in kind, that's huge. We're very grateful to town council for helping us out," she said.



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June 7

Didsbury Museum Pie Social Saturday, June 7 from 1 to 4 pm. Come out for a visit and enjoy our tasty pies. \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members, 3 and under are free.

June 7

Didsbury Museum Spring Plant Swap & Sale. Let's celebrate Spring!!!

June 7 and 8

Country Drive Showcase Weekend at the Didsbury Museum - open Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 4:30 pm.

June 9

Didsbury Addiction and Mental Health is hosting the fourth of a series of five 2-hour support group for clients from 6:30 to 8:30 in the Didsbury Hospital Mental Health Meeting Room. Cost is \$1 per evening. Please register by calling 403 335-7285. Maximum 8 members.

June 10

Mountain View Christian Women's Breakfast Tues June 10, 2014 9:30 am, Lutheran Church Gym. This month's feature "Hats and High Tea". Free Babysitting. For tickets or more info please call Ann 403-335-8444

June 12

Gimp Tutorial @ the Didsbury Library. Thursday, June 12 from 6 to 8 pm. Learn how to edit and adjust photo images using a variety of techniques. Max. 6 participants. Please register beforehand.

June 13

2014 Didsbury Community Block Party 5:30 to 9:30 on Main Street, Didsbury. There will be a climbing wall, Money Mountain, Bounce House, Balloonist, Games and Contests, Concession\$. TELUS presents A Movie in the Park. Join us for a free screening of THE LEGO® MOVIE at Memorial Park at 9:30 pm. Come down and enjoy the FREE fun for all ages!

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June 14

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June 16

Didsbury Addiction and Mental Health is hosting supportive conversations - a two hour information session for those coping with a mental illness or who want to learn more. Week 5 "Mental Wellness". Cost is \$1 per evening. Call 403 335-7285 to register.

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Opinion

Young driver safety campaign a good step

While driving at any age can have its dangers, new provincial statistics indicate that young drivers are particularly at risk for injury and death on Alberta highways and roads.



DAN SINGLETON

With less real-life driving experience than older motorists, young drivers are more than twice as likely as other drivers to find themselves hurt or killed in collisions.

In fact, since 2009, more than 200 young drivers aged 14 to 24 were killed and 13,116 were injured in collisions in West Central Alberta and elsewhere in the province.

Statistics also show that young males in particular have the highest fatal collision involvement rate in the province, with many factors at play, including relatively high instances of driving impaired, running red lights, talking on cellphones, text messaging, speeding, tailgating and overall risk taking, the province said.

And many of those injuries and fatalities have occurred on country roads and highways, making the issues surrounding youth driving particularly poignant in rural communities.

In effort to halt or even reverse the trend of young drivers ending up hurt or even killed in motor vehicle mishaps, a new provincial awareness campaign is now underway.

"The death of a young person is tragic enough, but even more so when it could have so easily been avoided. When you drive responsibly, you increase the safety of you and your passengers as well as other motorists on the road," said Minister of Transportation Wayne Drysdale.

While this new awareness campaign is a good step and money well spent, parents and other older drivers can also play a role by making sure young drivers they know are made aware of the dangers and are given safe driving tips when appropriate.

Having already gained real-life driving experience, older drivers have much to offer younger drivers in the way of helpful advice.

Sharing good advice and keeping a watchful eye on young drivers can go a long way in helping avoid trouble before it begins.

"Driving requires all your attention. When you give it less than 100 per cent, it can have devastating consequences for you and others who share the road with you," said Minister Drysdale.

With the busy summer driving season now getting underway, it is important that all drivers, including younger motorists, know that sharing the road means doing so safely and in a responsible fashion.

Motoring is an important part of life for residents of all ages. Hopefully this new safety campaign will help make it a safer experience for Alberta's younger drivers.

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Letters to the editor

Confusing arguments made in front-page story

I am puzzled by comments made in the May 20 front-page article entitled "Restaurant could face shortage of workers."

On the one hand, it sounds like suspension of the Temporary Foreign Worker program is a bad thing for Didsbury because 45 potential foreign employees will no longer be able to come and work at our new Tim Hortons.

On the other hand, that same loss of foreign workers is then

presented as a positive thing because a) these restaurant jobs will meet the employment needs of the community and b) there will be an increase in wages for those Didsbury employees.

It seems to boil to this: the lack of cheap foreign labour means more jobs and higher wages for Didsbury residents.

Which begs the question - why are foreign workers not paid those higher wages to start with?

Why is it OK to pay our fellow, albeit "foreign," human beings, less money for the same work? Don't they have the same expenses we do? Aren't they raising families? Trying to live a healthy life?

Could that possibly be one of the abuses that caused the cancellation of the program in the first place?

*Maxine Spence
Didsbury*

Letter writers grateful for help

My husband and I would like to thank everyone involved with helping my mother-in-law when she collapsed at the grocery store a couple of weeks ago. Everyone involved did a wonderful job and

we greatly appreciate it. From the AG store manager, the very kind young man (sorry, didn't get his name) who so tenderly held his hand on her back while she lay on the ground, to the EMT team (Carlos,

and sorry, didn't get the young lady's name) to the fire department, to the emergency team, Doctor Smith and the nurses. Everyone was so kind and all of the family thanks you from the bottom of our

hearts. It was a very long two weeks, but Ma is home now resting and in no hurry to visit us in Didsbury any time soon. Again, thanks very much everyone.

*Candy and Rick Place
Didsbury*

Letter writers wanted

Got an opinion?

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Police seek hit-and-run culprit

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Police are seeking immediate assistance in identifying a vehicle, after an unidentified man sideswiped a 67-year-old female who was cycling on Rge. Rd. 20 last week, say police.

Cpl. Warren Wright, who attended the scene on Friday, May 30 – along with EMS and Carstairs firefighters – said that police are seeking information on a blue-green or teal-coloured Ford Ranger pickup truck.

It is likely a two-wheel drive, regular-cab, low to the ground truck with a notable amount of rust on it.

Based on the passenger-side mirror – which was left at the scene, and is thus missing from the truck – police believe it to be a model from 1992-1994, he said.

"I'm hoping family members, friends or neighbours know that truck, and we'll go straight to his house, match up the mirror and deal with him," said Wright.

"We're treating it as a hit-and-run investigation."

The collision happened about 400 metres south of the Carstairs blindline at about 2:15 p.m., he explained.

The 67-year-old woman, who was sent by ground ambulance to the Foothills Medical

Centre in Calgary, was cycling northbound, on the northbound shoulder of the road, he said.

She was seriously hurt when the truck hit her, and she ended up in the east ditch of the road.

After the collision, the truck came to an abrupt stop, then turned around, pulling over on the southbound shoulder, at which point the man talked to her briefly.

She and witnesses described him as a white male, aged 25 to 35, with shoulder-length curly brown hair, wearing a white T-shirt and blue jeans.

"The male had difficulties phoning 911, and no calls actually went through. When other passersby stopped to lend assistance, the woman was calling out asking them to call 911, because the male driver was unable to do so," added Wright.

The man left quietly with his vehicle before emergency services or police arrived on scene, he added.

"Police are asking for the public's assistance in locating the man or his truck, and are seeking any information the public may have."

He said anybody who thinks they know who this truck belongs to can call Didsbury RCMP at 403-335-3382, or give an anonymous tip at 1-800-222-TIPS.



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Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.

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NEW EXECUTIVE – Members of the new executive of the Didsbury and District Chamber of Commerce gathered for their first meeting following the annual general meeting last week. Mayor Rick Mousseau officially swore in Barbara Neufeld as president (fourth from right) and Dennis Ranks, third from right, who was recruited to the board as vice-president. Also present was Shelley Fakir (far left, past president), Margo Ward (treasurer), Deborah Johnson (director), Ron Townrow (director), Ian Kennedy (director) and Sondra Munn (secretary).

Paul Frey/MVP Staff

Three DHS track athletes qualify for provincials

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

Three Didsbury High School (DHS) track and field athletes qualified for the senior provincial championships to be held June 6 and 7 at the Foothills Track and Field Centre in Calgary.

Ben Strautmann and Anna Houtman qualified for the shot put and high jump respectively, while Kyra Paulgaard will be going up against the best provincial high school athletes in the discus and shot put.

The three athletes all had personal bests to qualify for provincials in their last attempts at the South Central Zone Track and Field Championships in Calgary on May 27, with Strautmann throwing the shot 13.01 metres giving him second place, while Houtman also ended up second, clearing the high jump bar at one metre and 40 centimetres. Paulgaard ended up second in both of her events at the zone meet with last throws of the discus measuring 28.05 metres and shot put of 9.79 metres.

"All those three athletes got second in their events, out of ... 12 in each, so I was quite pleased with what they did just due to the lack of practice we had," said Ian Bates, the DHS track and field coach.

Bates said the provincial competition will be tough, because many athletes from larger schools only compete in track and field and concentrate on the specific events they qualified in. Both Houtman and Paulgaard, for example, were a part of the senior girls basketball team that won the zone championship and hosted the provincial championship earlier this year.

"That will be tough because a lot of the athletes, they train ... all year round," he said.

A total of 12 DHS athletes went to the zone competition with the other nine athletes having strong finishes but unable to crack the top two to move on to the provincials. Tate Beasley, Kailyn Bell, Cassidy Daley, Justin Muhn, Colin Northcott, Dani Peters, Tanner Vandenhoven, Sam Haeni and Tay Miller also qualified for the zone competition.

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First PC leadership candidate comes to Olds

BY JOSEPH HO
MVP Staff

Progressive Conservative leadership candidate Thomas Lukaszuk has much work to do if he's going to re-earn the trust of Albertans after spending scandals involving former Premier Alison Redford sent the party diving in popularity.

If his leadership bid is successful, he'll need to convince the public not to look elsewhere after more than 40 years of Tory rule.

For starters, he doesn't want to talk about how they've held "power" during that time.

"We haven't been in power. We had the privilege to govern this province and it was lent to us by Albertans one election at a time based on our performance," Lukaszuk said. "It has to be earned. One MLA at a time. One riding at a time and one Albertan at a time."

The MLA for Edmonton-Castle Downs said he was the first to oppose what he considered poor decisions made under the previous administration. Lukaszuk had said the Redford-led PCs lost the moral authority to govern. He was later demoted from deputy premier and advanced education minister to the jobs, skills, training and labour department in a cabinet shuffle.

Lukaszuk stopped by the Smitty's restaurant in Olds on May 29 to meet party supporters and gather nomination signatures for his leadership campaign.

To get on the ballot in September, 500 signatures from eligible Albertans across the province are required in addition to a \$20,000 deposit.

In the midst of the Opposition Wildrose-held Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills riding, Lukaszuk said he had the numbers and was also visiting to re-engage PC supporters who felt left behind by changes within the party.

"I'm here to meet with individuals who have been very active in the PC party for years and have been disenfranchised," he said.

The Olds Albertan had a chance to discuss Lukaszuk's plans on some local issues in an interview at the restaurant.

Olds is losing two doctors at the Wild Rose Medical Centre and the clinic is trying to recruit new physicians to practise full-time.

Lukaszuk said in his experience of courting doctors from abroad, it's not about how much money you can pay – other destinations can always offer more – but the quality of life in a town.

"Olds is a great town and Alberta is a great place. We, number 1, need to promote the quality of life more when we're attracting foreign professionals

to this province," he said. "This is not only a place where you make a lot of money but this is actually one of the better places to live for a family."

The health-care system also needs to examine whether "allied professionals," like nurses and pharmacists, can provide more services by removing unnecessary regulations to alleviate the workload of doctors, he added.

That workload is partly why doctors refuse to take

students for residencies, slowing graduation rates from medical schools, he said.

A possible solution Lukaszuk suggested was paying doctors near or in retirement, who have more time, to mentor students for two years.

"You'd be surprised how many medical doctors would love to do that. Just giving back to the profession and training new (doctors)," he said.

New doctors can also

come as new Canadians and Lukaszuk said he'd ask the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Alberta if it is giving foreign-trained doctors an equal shot at practising.

As those physicians are upgrading their skills to match Canadian requirements, he also suggested exploring whether a foreign-trained doctor can work in an allied profession.

"So we would still benefit from their expertise in a limited capacity, giv-

ing them an opportunity to become a fully-fledged medical doctor, right? None of that is happening right now."

The town has been banking on an application for a Community Revitalization Levy (CRL) that would help finance uptown redevelopment without raising taxes.

Under the Municipal Government Act, the CRL allows a municipality to redirect the province's share of property taxes

toward approved projects, usually infrastructure.

But there's been frustration around Olds that the provincial government stopped accepting new CRL applications this year.

Lukaszuk would not say if his government would resume taking CRL applications but plans to create a consultation group comprised of members from the public and private sectors to determine the best way to pay for needed infrastructure.

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Task Force membership includes:

- **Chair Dr. Glenn Feltham** – President and CEO of NAIT with an extensive academic and professional background
- **Vice Chair Sandra Jansen** – Associate Minister of Family and Community Safety, MLA for Calgary-North West
- **Naresh Bhardwaj** – Associate Minister of Services for Persons with Disabilities, MLA for Edmonton-Ellerslie and former teacher
- **David Dorward** – MLA for Edmonton-Gold Bar, Chartered Accountant and Certified Management Accountant
- **David Fraser** – Executive Director of Corporate Services with Edmonton Public Schools with more than 30 years of human resources experience
- **Dr. Sharon Friesen** – Vice Dean and Associate Dean of Professional and Community Engagement in the Werklund School of Education at the University of Calgary, recipient of a Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence
- **Dr. Irene Lewis** – a former teacher and the President Emeritus of SAIT Polytechnic, named one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women 2010/2012
- **Dr. Craig Loewen** – Dean of Education at the University of Lethbridge, recipient of ATA's Educational Research Award
- **Mackenzie Martin** – a University of Alberta education student, former representative on the Alberta Education Minister's Student Advisory Committee, recipient of the TD scholarship for Community Leadership
- **Everett McDonald** – MLA for Grande Prairie-Smoky, former reeve, former trustee
- **Brent McDonough** – former teacher serving as an advisor to the Masters in Educational Studies Program at the University of Alberta, co-chair of Inspiring Education Steering Committee, former chair Edmonton Public Library, former member U of A Senate
- **Michele Mulder** – Executive Director of the Alberta School Councils Association, former president of the Alberta School Boards Association
- **Andy Neigel** – President and CEO of Careers: The Next Generation, has taught at NAIT and the University of Alberta
- **Shelley Ralston** – National Director of Talent and Culture for a Fortune 500 company, Chair of the Red Deer College Board of Directors, recipient of the Women of Excellence Award 2008
- **Laurie Thompson** – a current teacher and ATA member, principal at Kikino School – recognized as one of the top 25 Schools in Canada in Today's Parent magazine
- **Ron Young** – a current teacher, principal and ATA member with more than 30 years of experience

After hearing from 3,000 Albertans, their report is in. Some of their recommendations include:

- Increasing the time available to teachers for preparation and collaboration
- Internships and reduced workload for first year teachers
- Adopting a formal mentorship program to provide more support for beginner teachers, as well as new school and district leaders
- Improving evaluation process for teachers and the professional growth plan process
- Requiring teachers to maintain certification, with evaluations conducted – with the purpose of demonstrating professional growth and continual evidence of performance – every five years
- Increasing access teachers have to technology and specialized supports and services
- Requiring new school leaders to complete a leadership program
- At education faculties, increasing the amount of current practicum requirements to provide student teachers with more classroom experience before they graduate
- Requiring post-secondary institutions to look beyond grades to suitability when admitting education faculty applicants
- Increasing transparency and effectiveness of process for complaints of teacher competence or unprofessional conduct – the Task Force report does not recommend splitting the ATA into a college and a union, it prefers the government to work with the ATA to resolve the current issues
- Increasing empowerment for principals to deal with teachers that need to improve their skills – the Task Force report does not recommend removing principals from the ATA, it prefers the government to work with the ATA to resolve the current issues

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Jeff Johnson
Minister of Education



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\$439,900

4 Westhill Drive



1294 sq ft, total of 6 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 fireplaces, large country kitchen, oversized heated double garage, paved driveway, backs onto golf course
\$279,900

SPRING HAS SPRUNG.

THE GRASS HAS RIZ.

WE WONDER WHERE THE HOUSES IZ!

The Porch Boyz

2102 - 21 Avenue



Functional Elegance! 2 + 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, Brazilian walnut hardwood, vaulted ceilings, tiered seating theatre room, huge yard.
\$344,900

26 Westpoint Drive



1354 sq ft, 2 bedrooms + den on main, brand new hardwood and kitchen cabinets, new furnace, good start on basement dev, south facing deck, preferred area of town.
\$359,900

5910 - 60 Street, Olds



Great home w/ curb appeal & location! 1532 sq ft plus developed bsmt, open plan, lots of built-ins, glassed in rear deck, low maintenance landscaping, south facing deck, preferred area of town.
\$454,900

2.62 Acres of Country Living



1292 sq ft home built in 1996, open floor plan, gas fireplace, oak kitchen with island, double attached garage, 40 X 80 quonset, on pavement.
\$589,900

2211 - 12 Avenue



Gorgeous split level home, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, gas fireplace, hardwood, covered deck, beautiful huge yard (56' x 234'), double attached garage.
\$359,900

7 College Green Close



Well maintained and upgraded 56+ condo unit, fully finished, 2 baths, main floor laundry, beautiful hardwood, corner gas fireplace, nice location in the complex.
\$224,900

10.25 Acres NW of Didsbury



Zoned AG2, ravine view, most of the way on pavement, services at the road.
\$229,900

14 Rosebud Bay



Beautiful 2 acre parcel in Didsbury, 1400 sq ft, 3 + 2 bedrooms, 3 baths, gas fireplace, walkout basement, double attached garage, 30X40 heated shop.
\$465,000

1.85 Acres at Butte Hills



1266 sq ft, fully developed cedar log home, 3+1 bedrooms, 2 baths, granite counter tops, new basement flooring, hot tub, heated quonset, paved laneway, excellent location, easy commute.
\$649,900

3.16 Acres Near Didsbury



1180 sq ft home, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 2 baths, 18' X 26' heated workshop, 40' X 60' quonset, on pavement, great little hobby farm set-up
\$499,900

1712 - 22 Avenue



Well maintained and upgraded, 3+1 bedrooms, 2 full baths, hardwood, jetted tub, huge yard (50 X 177 lot), close to rec center and downtown.
\$259,900

1 Mile South of Didsbury



\$10,000 CASH BACK
Terrific acreage on pavement, 2.67 acres, 1392 sq ft character home, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, older barn, lots of mature trees and room to roam.
\$329,900

38 Silverstone Place



Gorgeous 1700 sq ft 2 storey, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, great open plan, beautiful ensuite, corner gas fireplace, huge fenced yard
\$399,900

3 Meadowview Court



1968 sq ft home built in 2007, 3 sided gas fireplace, 10' ceilings, master bedroom w/ balcony and fireplace, walk-up bsmt, back-up generator, backs onto park/playground
\$419,900

1908 - 16 Street



50+ Villa in College Green, 2 + 1 bedrooms, 2 baths, corner gas fireplace, oak kitchen, main floor laundry, reasonable HOA fees, backs onto park area.
\$214,900

#103, 1902 - 23 Street



great condo apartment, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 9' ceilings, corner gas fireplace, in-floor heat, many recent upgrades, single garage space.
\$189,900

1618 - 15A Street



Great family home in quiet cul-de-sac, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, oak country kitchen, corner pantry, west facing deck, large fenced yard, double detached garage.
\$309,900

2.50 Acres west of Didsbury



well maintained and upgraded mobile home, wood burning stove, trees, 3 sheds, area prepped for shop, only minutes from Didsbury on pavement
\$349,900